

Agenda- Charlestown Mosquito Abatement Council

9:30 am, Friday, August 20, 2010

Charlestown Town Hall, Annex Conference Room

4540 South County Trail

Charlestown RI 02813

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of 7-23-2010 Minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. Trap status-
 - i. We currently have seven sites containing six new traps and one old trap.
 - ii. The trap at the east end of the playground (NPP-E) has been repaired and will be fitted with a propane tank.
 - iii. The old trap (NPC-W) near the soccer fields is not working.
 - b. Trap maintenance and trapping success-
 - i. Propane tanks were changed August 11th. Mosquitoes were collected and traps cleaned on August 13th. The next maintenance period should be September 1st.
 - ii. Numbers of mosquitoes trapped this period increased, with the exception of the two Little Niny Pond traps, which showed little change. It should be noted that the Playground North trap (NPP-N) captured nearly 10,000 mosquitoes, its highest ever (see separate table and graph).
 - iii. Now getting help for changing propane tanks from Parks and Recreation! (Dominic)
 - c. Budget matters-
 - i. It was incorrectly reported last month that NPC charges had increased by \$1,000 when actually their charges remain at \$6500 per year plus a nearly \$1,000 billing for BTI pellets.
 - ii. Approximate monies available for this year's maintenance/repair/ program should be about \$3,000 (\$10,630 - \$6500 - ~\$1,000 - \$100 = ~\$3,000.).
 - d. Event spraying policy- Examine for approval (or with revision), spraying policy contained in Parks and Recreation contracts given to vendors. That policy is as follows (from Jay Primiano):

The Promoter shall defer to the Parks and Recreation Director in direct consult with the Mosquito Abatement Commission in order to determine if mosquito control is necessary through any means and form to control mosquito contact with the public as per Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management guidelines. If mosquito abatement is required it is the responsibility of the Promoter for payment for this procedure. Spraying and or any other means of mosquito control is to be conducted only upon approval from the aforementioned authorities and by licensed professionals certified by Rhode Island State authorities.
 - e. Two new traps available through special capital expenditure- What kind and where?
 - f. Thank you card to Bonnie was greatly appreciated.
6. New Business
 - a. Approved sprays for events and their properties. (i.e.-Anvil)
7. Public Comments
8. Schedule next meeting
9. Adjournment

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